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Reasons for Allowance

The amendment received on July 12th, 2004 has been acknowledged.
 Claims 1-8 are pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

- 2. Claims 1-8 are allowed.
- 3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:
- 4. The present invention is directed towards a Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) terminal security module with a SIP stack and security manager. The independent claims identify the uniquely distinct features of "an SIP signaling stack having an application interface and a media interface to a telephony application as well as a protocol interface to a network layer", "an SIP manager and a media controller both having a protocol interface to the network layer", and "a security manager that has interfaces to the SIP manager, telephony application and the network layer". The closest prior art Maggenti (U.S. Pub. No. 2002/0102999) discloses a system and method that pertains to multi-point communications. The applicant's arguments were persuasive in disclosing that the security manager of Maggenti only maintains a single interface and does not maintain separate interfaces to a media controller, SIP signaling stack, telephony application, and a network layer.

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Joseph McArdle whose telephone number is (703) 305-7515. The examiner can normally be reached on Weekdays from 8:00 am - 5:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gilberto Barron can be reached on (703) 305-1830. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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